



Transitional Kindergarten 2015-2016 School Year



In response to the passage of The Kindergarten Readiness Act (Senate Bill 1381) of 2010, the Morgan Hill Unified School District (MHUSD) will enroll students who will have their fifth birthday between September 2 and December 2, 2015 in Transitional Kindergarten (TK) classes for the 2015-2016 school year. The following provides answers to frequently asked questions regarding our Transitional Kindergarten program.

What is transitional kindergarten (TK)?

A transitional kindergarten is the first year of a two-year kindergarten program that uses a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate.

How can I enroll my child in MHUSD Transitional Kindergarten?

Parents must follow the same MHUSD registration process. Our website provides specific information about how to register for MHUSD schools at www.mhusd.org.

There will be Transitional Kindergarten at P.A. Walsh and at El Toro. If your home boundary school is not within those sites, please enroll your child as follows:

- Families within the school boundaries of El Toro, Barrett, Jackson Academy of Math and Music (JAMM), and Nordstrom will enroll directly at **El Toro Elementary at 455 East Main Avenue.**
- Families within the school boundaries of P.A. Walsh, Los Paseos, Paradise Valley, and San Martin/Gwinn will enroll directly at **P.A. Walsh at 353 West Main Avenue.**

Is attendance in TK mandatory?

TK is not mandatory. Parents may choose to not enroll their children in TK.

Is there a cost to enroll in TK?

No. TK is part of free public education.

If I choose not to enroll my child in TK, will my child have a reduced chance of getting into kindergarten at his/her neighborhood school the next year?

Kindergarten students are enrolled in their neighborhood schools on a space available basis. All students enrolled in TK will have equal status to all others at their neighborhood school.

Are students in TK also subject to the kindergarten immunization requirements?

Yes. They are required to have documentation of required immunizations prior to admission to TK.

How can I support my child at home to better prepare him/her for kindergarten?

Ideas for how to support your child can be found on the following websites:

- <http://www.naeyc.org/play/parents>
- <http://www.naeyc.org/back-to-school/parents>
- <http://www.first5california.com/Help/abc.asp>

For more information about Transitional Kindergarten in California, please visit the California Department of Education website at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/em/kinderfaq.asp>.

If you have any questions regarding registering your child in Transitional Kindergarten in MHUSD, please contact Arlene Machado at machadoa@mhusd.org or (408) 201-6072.